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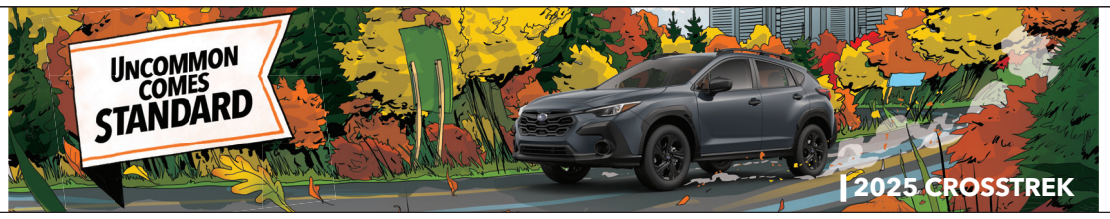

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Leave

SOME OF us get pretty resistant over being told we're wrong. But all 'truths' we've gathered over time are consistently being reexamined. It's good we're taking second looks at 'facts' we thought were immutable. That Pluto is a planet. That dinosaur DNA is extinct (it's still alive in birds!). That boys are better at math. That diamonds are a girl's best friend. And you actually CAN start sentences with and or but.

One 'woke' modern turnaround is to leave our lawns to nature. Journalism and social media have been revisiting the antiquated notion that yards should be green, and only green.
Plus wildflower-free. Especially from those pesky dandelions. But. Those 'dent-de-lion' toothy leaves that I've tugged a million times out of suburban soil are again being reevaluated by both urban and country gardeners. Environmentalists, chefs and herbalists have long revered the plant as a soil aerator, erosion-controller, pollinator-attracter, and mega-healthy food. Dandelion salad, extracts and tea help manage blood sugars and fight inflammation. Kids find the almost-neon flowers irresistible to pick, and some grandparents might remember braiding long stems and blossoms into bright fairy-crowns. I'll still pull larger dandelions from flower and vegetable beds. Bees will visit regardless, and showy annuals and perennials get to shine.

Another personal aha-transformation is happening around fallen leaves. I love them wafting like paper planes into my open hand. Making a wish before leaf hits ground is supposed to be lucky, even luckier if nothing's said out loud.

DEB REED
Wind in the Attic

Leaves on lawns. We either rake, blow, mulch, bag, reorganize, or let sleeping dogs lie. That fragrant crisp confetti has just finished its summer job as food factory for deciduous species. Their chlorophyll morphed sunlight, carbon dioxide and water into nutrition which circulated inside trees to help them grow, blossom, seed and fruit. Their greenness disappears, reabsorbed gradually as daytime shortens and another seasonal dormancy returns. The remaining yellows, reds and oranges were always there, hiding, already integrated. Next, spent foliage drops from shy branches to expose bird, wasp and squirrel nests, and the stark naked bones of one very tired tree.

Kids and dogs love leaf mountains for jumping and hiding. Dry leaves make great fire starter. Even better, they're free mulch for gardens, perfect compost, and organic fertilizer for next year's lawns, especially after shredding by mower.

My thinking has shifted around the 'ugliness' of a leafy yard. Where once I scrambled to remove all embarrassing evidence, I now join the revolution of a public returning to patience and original purpose. I'm simply putting nature more in charge. Leaving leaves.

I happen to love random art on autumn lawns. They know their own logic. Beneath dropped layers of multicolour is next year's life, settling down for a long winter's nap. Bumblebee queens, moths, spiders, beetles, small amphibians and firefly larvae hibernate safely there until faraway spring.

People get to do almost anything they want with their properties. But because 'fall facts' are clearer to me now, I'll be protecting nature more than ever.

Conservation through inflation

STEVE GALEA

Beyond 35

IF YOU have bought ammunition for hunting in the last little while, you probably know that prices have gone up considerably. This is a bad thing for hunters, but a good thing for game animals.

For instance, now that shotgun shells cost between two to four dollars each, duck hunters must no longer just consider lead and windage. They must also think about each shot from an economic standpoint. This means that they'll probably refrain from Hail Mary shots to avoid the economic and emotional consequences.

Here's an example. My hunting buddy shot and missed a Mallard three times while using premium ammunition a week ago, which upset him more than usual.

"That duck just cost you $11.25 plus tax," I said helpfully.

"Why didn't you shoot at it?" he asked.

"I'm on a strict budget," I replied. "I only shoot at three-dollar ducks."

"You're crazy," he countered.

"Maybe, but I won't have to work overtime to buy another box of ammunition," I replied.

He promptly pointed out that he didn't either. Apparently, he got a second mortgage instead.

At this juncture, some of you might be wondering what a three-dollar duck is.

Well, it is a duck that is either sleeping among the decoys or one cupping into them gently with wings backpedalling to make it appear almost stationary at point blank range. Either way, it can be reliably hit in one shot.

As ducks go these days, it's a bargain.

Ammunition is not the only thing being affected by inflation though.

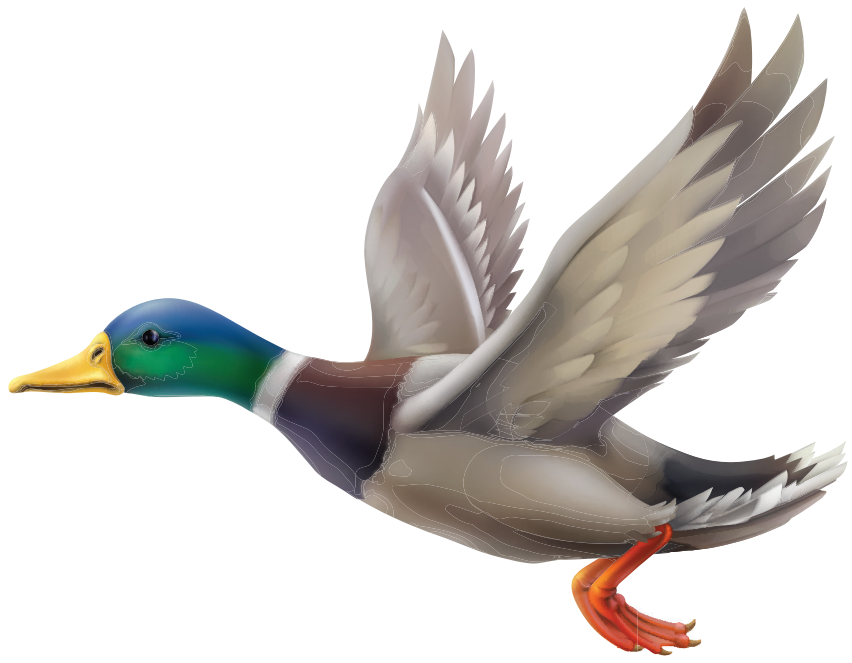
The upkeep of your hunting dog – in terms of food, veterinarian care, vaccinations and medicine – has gone up too. This means a grouse, woodcock or pheasant, are also getting a break.

Of course, all these rising prices will eventually sour gun sales. Which is to say, I picked a lousy year to finally buy a semi-automatic shotgun. When you own a semi-auto, you are contractually obliged to use more ammo.

My only hope is that it one day, when it becomes a collector's item, I can recoup my costs.

Sometime in the future, I hope to hear an auctioneer say, "This is a prime example of the guns hunters used to use before shells exceeded $50 each. Since the owner was cheap, it is in mint condition. Bidding starts at 12 shells …"

The upside of all this, as previously noted, is that it might bode very well for game animal populations – especially when hunters start comparing the yield of twenty shots taken during a duck hunt to a couple of store-bought chickens.



This is not affecting me too much yet, as I still have a lot of pre-inflationary ammunition in my ammo locker. As soon as that goes, however, I will begin consulting a financial adviser before each hunt to determine what is economically sustainable.

The other option, of course, is to practice shooting more, so you miss less. But there is a Catch-22 here – you need to spend money on shells to get better.

If I were a small, fast-moving target, I'd be happy that I am now living in the golden age of small, fast-moving targets – especially if I was only a marginally-edible, small, fast-moving target. Varmints, such as crows, pigeons, cormorants, and blackbirds, though legal to shoot, are all but assured safe passage now – at least from me.

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Haliburton Legion:

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m.

Short pre-service is being held by the Legion's chaplin, Garry Swagerman, in the Remembrance Hall at the Legion

10:30 a.m. Wreath sponsors may walk in the parade if they so choose, the wreath will be at the Cenotaph for them to lay

10:35 a.m. Parade from the Haliburton Legion to the Cenotaph

10:50 a.m. Cenotaph ceremony

Noon Please join us back at the Legion in the Remembrance Hall for light refreshments and to see the Remembrance Youth Contest entries on display

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Any person or organization wishing to lay a Remembrance Day wreath, please contact the branch at 705-457-2571, leave a message for Christina Briggs or email rcl129@outlook.com. Cost to sponsor a wreath is $40 (Lest We Forget) or $50 (personalised wreath), cut off date is Saturday, Nov. the 8 by 6 p.m.

Kinmount Legion:

Service at the cenotaph on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.. A free luncheon will be held at the Legion afterwards.

Gelert:

Service at the Gelert cemetery on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 1 p.m.

Gooderham:

Service at the cenotaph on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 3 p.m.

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What was the best part of your day?

I SPENT SOME time with my niece over Thanksgiving, and she relayed to me that she suddenly did not want to go to school and cried and cried. So, her mom set up a meeting with the teacher and my niece chose to do the talking.

She said that she told her teacher all the things that had been happening and bothering her and how she was feeling. In her story-telling to me, she made a poignant analogy considering she is eight. She said with each problem she talked about it felt like another huge rock was lifted off her shoulders, and that when she left the meeting, she felt no rocks at all.

TERESA JORDAN
Community Living Contemplations

I often know when I am under stress; I get a sore neck and or a sore bottom lip from mindlessly chewing. We physically feel our troubles. I am so impressed by the courage and the lesson in the story. She talked it out and felt lighter, notice she did not say to me that the issues were instantly resolved, only that she had shared them.

I read an article recently that we all need to improve our skills in conversation and it offered that instead of saying – how was your day? We could try asking: what was the best part of your day? Or what are you most proud of getting through today? In sharing and talking and leaning on one another, we lighten our load, just a little bit. Take some of the weight off your own shoulders and let others know they can share theirs with you.

Nathan's Farm honours the legacy of vibrant life

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

SIRCH staff stand alongside Tim and Mona, for their presentation of Nathan's Farm in Haliburton. The towers will be growing local leafy greens for SIRCH staff to provide to the community. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

When tragedy strikes, it takes a special type of hope to keep moving forward.

That's what Mona-Lam Deslippe and her husband, Tim, have been channelling to carry on, in the wake of the death of their son, Nathan.

In August, 2016, 27-year-old Nathan, a leadership coach and yoga instructor, was killed in his sleep by a person he considered a close friend. Despite the trials and years gone by, there are still questions that remain unanswered, theories that remain unproven.

But in his vibrant life that was cut short, Nathan made his mark. "His impact was significant for his young age," shared his mother, noting the many lives he touched with his gentle demeanour and optimistic outlooks. "The farm project represents Nathan's spirit."

The project she is referring to is now known as Nathan's Farm; an indoor aeroponic growing system that produces leafy green and vegetables, and donates to those in need.

The project was started in London, Ontario, where Nathan was from, and grew as an initiative during the COVID-19 pandemic, in an effort to share fresh foods when long distances were challenging. It now continues as innovative efforts for food security and agricultural training.

With the London location acting as their urban centre, Nathan's family made the move to Haliburton four years ago. During a visit to the SIRCH Bistro and Bakery, a connection was made.

The topic of food security in the county is ever changing, and SIRCH has been following the trends and the needs of the community since 2016. At the time, Gena Roberston, the executive director for the not-for-profit, launched a survey to local mothers, inquiring about costs of food, and where that falls into the list of priorities once bills and rent were paid locally.

It was noted that on average, the families using SIRCH support services had designated approximately $200 per month for food, which averages out to $6.50 per day. "That really changed us," said Robertson. "So our community kitchen grew and grew and grew."

What started as 50 meals a month for those in need quickly snowballed to 1,750 meals a month, and 14 partnerships with additional community services across Haliburton County and Bancroft to provide food to their target audiences.

While the organization tries to support local whenever possible, there are challenges with the shortened growing seasons and unpredictable weather patterns. But with the introduction of Nathan's Garden in the community, SIRCH will have access to fresh leafy greens all year long.

According to Joanne Paquin, the food security coordinator for SIRCH, they have been able to produce the equivalent of 45,000 side salads since the growing towers were implemented in August. "That's pretty amazing stuff," she said. "That's food security in action. It's a simple but powerful step, growing together, one meal at a time."

Paquin noted that on average, supermarket lettuce travels 2,400 kilometres to get to your plate. But with the hydroponic towers, she simply trims the leafy greens, and walks a few steps to the kitchen to prepare the food; all grown without pesticides, and available year-round.

Through a community grant, SIRCH was able to secure 12 growing towers, plus a staff member to manage the sites, "This is a pilot project," said Robertson. "Food security is rising at an alarming rate, and having fresh, local food whenever possible, this is just the beginning for us."

More information can be found about Nathan's Garden by visiting www.enuf.farm/about. Information on SIRCH Community Services can be found at www.sirch.on.ca, and they are just entering their very busy season of fundraising and heightened local support.

For Mona and Tim, the parents of a young man whose life was cut short, to be able to give back in a way that honours and celebrates the legacy of their son, that's the continuation of hope for them.

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Dark days

IT'S HAPPENED. The dreaded time change.

Let it be noted that when I type "time change", a little squiggly mark appears underneath the word. Like the term "change" is grammatically incorrect in that context. For all the power and pomp that AI spews out these days, typing up "time change" still comes across as foreign.

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

And even for those of us who have experienced it time and time again, it's still not generally met with warmth and welcome.

While some countries and provinces have opted out of changing their clocks, many continue the archaic practice, which supposedly has ties to wartime measures, made in an effort to conserve fuel.

And despite ongoing feedback from doctors and scientists that indicate shifting our external and internal clocks plays a part in mangling the masses, no one has quite figured out a way to make it stop quite yet.

I consider myself fairly well-versed in the world of politics, but the minister of time is not something I feel I understand well enough to place blame. Where do I point fingers when they change the hands of time? Who is responsible for that?

Time is such an arbitrary form of measurement that dictates the way the world is run. And while it's a universal language, some people speak it differently. My own best friend has a very different understanding of "I'll be there in 15 minutes" (she reads: I'll be there in two hours) than I do (I read: I'll be there in five minutes).

Forever someone early to a fault, forever someone eternally late. And somehow they always find each other.

But as we sit in this time of shifted hours and minutes, it's not so much the time change itself that drags us down. It's the fact that we have entered that season of the year where the dark seems to cling on a little longer; its grasp holding us captive late in the morning, grounding us dormant earlier in the day.

And no amount of shifting a clock an hour this way or that will give us more time and space in sunlight. That's just a reality of the season. And when days feel shorter and the nights drag on, it's easy to feel down, feel isolated, feel low.

Realistically, when you have a toddler, it doesn't matter how many ways you change a clock, you're still not going to get a great sleep.

It was during one of these recent not-so-great-sleeps that I came to a realization, though.

I looked to the sky at 5 a.m., and where I normally see whispers of the day ahead, instead, I saw pitch black. The same pitch black I had seen at midnight, at 1 a.m., at 3 a.m., and so forth.

But while the inky indigo of the sky seemed vast and endless, on this particular night, it was peppered with stars. And as I woke through various hours of that night, I saw as their stories were woven together; dashes and lines shifting and shattering to write tales of the adventurers who wandered before us.

Every so often, a late-night plane would inch its way across the plains of the midnight sky, and I would think about how there are others, way up there, awake at the same time I am. Headed off to see a loved one, to have a fresh start, or to end a chapter for good.

If I strained my eyes for any particular length of time, I would be privy to a falling star; one of those miniscule dots dashing through its own existence. With those, I would look to my son, snuggled into my arms, and dedicate the wishes to him.

And as the darkness of the extended night made its way towards light, the stars didn't go away. Their lights dimmed ever so slightly, but their presence held firm, until finally they were awash in the whiteness of the day.

And while I was happy to see the sunshine, I found myself missing the stars, and all the stories they told.

Maybe that's the mindset shift we need. It's not about how we've lost light, how clocks are changing, how time is simultaneously dragging on and flying by.

It's that we get extra time with the stars. And when we feel down, feel isolated, feel low, maybe we can look upwards, and explore the stories of the sky.

Top 10 reasons cats cuddle against you

SOME FOLKS are sentimental about cats. Others, me included, believe that cats have their own agenda and merely see us as useful idiots. I guess we will never know. But here are the top 10 reasons why I think your cat might cuddle you.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. If they need a hostage, you're right there.
2. Easier to transfer fleas.
3. Will use you as a human shield as soon as the dog shows up.
4. Really enjoys ruining your enjoyment of reading.
5. In the mood for a reactive scratching post.
6. Occasionally needs to keep up the façade.
7. Takes perverse pleasure in making the dog jealous.
8. Trying to understand if you provide anything other than food, petting, and litter-related services.
9. Nothing better than shedding fur on black pants.
10. Sizing you up for when the felines finally rise.

Creatures

Caravan of raccoons crossing the trail, beneath a Moon cocooned by clouds,
dusk veiling Air, as I stare from a distance at the family of five, rambling their way through
the deepening darkness,
disappearing into the brambles and bushes fringing the trail, wondering where they will forage and
feast this evening,
wishing I could cut through the barbed wire of branches and bushes too,
then streak across the field, shortening my way Home, my skin not thick enough nor padded with fur,
to withstand the pokes and jabs of branches and twigs, my feet following the trail instead,
quickening my steps each time I hear a rustling in the bushes, wondering what creatures are lurking
in the dark,
waiting for the slap of my footsteps to recede, to creep their way onto the trail,
my presence intruding on their nocturnal exploring, I peer up at the crescent Moon that's cloaked in clouds,
searching for a smudge of light to guide my way, darkness shrouding Air, earlier each day,
as I listen to my Breath heaving in my chest, my eyes darting from bush to bush,
afraid of something that's not even there, my feet wading through heaps of leaves,
the smell of rot slinking into my nostrils, as I pause for a moment at the marsh, to rest my Breath,
greeting the graveyard of trees, their bones poking from the water, haunting the marsh,
these ghost trees that once swayed and thrived when they were Alive,
a rustling in the reeds, causing my Heart to hiccup in my chest, it's only breeze weaving through the forest
of reeds,
but then a splash and a flash of black, as I flinch on the trail, my feet frozen to the earth, unable to flee,
my eyes bulging like a bullfrog's, drinking in the inky water, uncertain what they see,
a furry head lunging up into Air, then plunging back under again, wondering if it's a muskrat
or some other creature that lurks in the murky depths of the marsh,
I remain standing on the trail, a silhouette in the dark, waiting and watching for another splash,
but the ripples in the water smooth their way back into stillness, my eyes transfixed by what they saw,
blinking up at Sky and the smudge of Moon, peeking through the curtain of clouds,
a sliver of light to guide my way back as I scurry along the trail,
my eyes skimming the balding crowns of trees,
my feet wading through puddles of their crumpled leaves, wondering where the brood of raccoons
has rambled off to,
whether their nocturnal foraging will be a success, as they lumber through the darkness, searching for food,
while humans slumber beneath their blankets, cocooned like the Moon,
trickles of its light seeping deep into their sleep,
bathing the space between their heartbeats with a fleeting peace.

Sylvie Kalenda

Hustle in Haliburton

Baseball isn't the only sport that's top of mind for local athletes these days. Pictured, the Jr. NBA gathered for a practice this past week, welcoming students from across Haliburton County to explore the sport of basketball. What started as a small initiative quickly snowballed based on interest and need in the community, and the basketball team and volunteer coaches meet once a week at the high school for practice and games. /TIM YANO staff photographer

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Leaf litter

RICK WHITTEKER
Naturally Yours

I HAVE always had a good relationship with leaves. From playing in them as a kid to enjoying their crunch below my boots on fall hikes, the annual shedding of deciduous leaves is one of the most sensory rich of all natural processes. I love the erratic movement of falling leaves, some drifting downward and others gracefully riding updrafts like a butterfly in a breeze. Add dramatic colour and the earthy scent of the autumn air and this season is like a charcuterie board for the senses.

This is also the season for the backyard clean up. Often raking (sometimes blowing) leaves into piles, bagging them and sending them to the landfill, this seasonal choir adds a high volume of solid waste to our landfills. Furthermore, if buried or not composted properly, this "yard waste" decomposes anaerobically, meaning without sufficient oxygen to decompose effectively. The result? Methane, a gas that is 80 times more potent over time in warming the planet than carbon dioxide.

Leaf litter is an unfortunate term for something so important and valuable. Unlike pop can or plastic water bottle litter, the annual shedding of deciduous leaves and coniferous needles is a vital component of healthy terrestrial ecosystems.

Healthy soil depends on fallen leaves and other matter to provide the forest plants with the nutrients they need to grow. A natural fertilizer, the seasonal deposit of leaves is an important part of the nutrient cycle. Microbes in the soil slowly break down the complex organic matter into simpler forms that can be absorbed by plants. Every autumn I can imagine the forest community whispering a collective sigh of "what a re-leaf."

Beyond the nutrient cycle, fallen leaves create habitat for a rich variety of biotic life. The list is long and only a fraction of the total but critters like centipedes, spiders, beetles, earthworms, snails and moth and butterfly pupae, frogs, salamanders, snakes and birds all depend on the shelter and food that this leafy habitat provides.

If you lament the lack of fireflies seen recently, part of the reason could be the way we maintain our lawns and gardens. Most fireflies live much of their life in the larval stage, under the cover of leaf litter. As larva, they are carnivores and life under the leaves provides them a diverse food web to sustain them, including the snails and worms they prefer. The leaf layer also provides fireflies with the necessary combination of cover, moisture and warmth to support their hibernation through the coldest months.

It is estimated that up to 94 per cent of moths drop from trees as larva and pupate in the leaf litter to emerge as adult moths in the spring. Using a slightly different strategy, the big and beautiful luna moth lays its eggs on a deciduous host tree where it feasts on leaves, preparing itself for the next stage of life. When the time is right, the larva incorporates the leaves of its host tree in its cocoon. When this leaf finally falls, the luna moth cocoon finds itself securely wrapped in a leafy blanket among the protective cluster of leaf litter.

Moths are important night-time pollinators; however,

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The colour cornucopia adds to the sensory pleasure of autumn. /photo by Rick Whitteker

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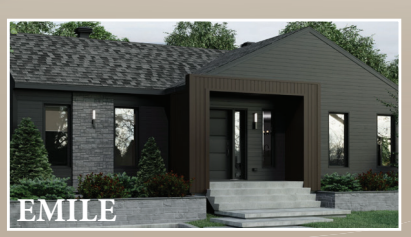
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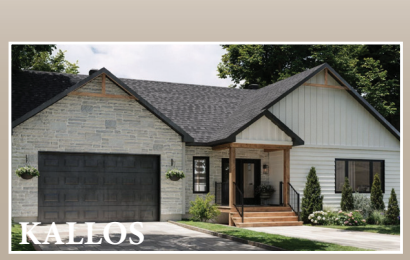
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Naturally Yours

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they are just one of the many pollinator species that rely on leaf litter to complete their life cycle. A species of concern in Ontario, the yellow-faced bumble bee is considered eusocial, living in colonies of advanced social organization. These colonies follow a one-year cycle so as the temperature drops, the worker and male bees perish and only the newly mated queen will see the following spring. And where does she seek shelter for the winter? In the protective embrace of the fall leaf layer. An active pollinator, if the yellow-faced bumble bee queen can't find adequate cold weather protection, this will doom both her and the new colony she would start in the spring.

Suppressing our tidy tendencies, it is fine to let leaves stay where they fall. A layer of leaves will not hurt your lawn. Alternatively, raking leaves under shrubs and trees will act as a mulch for these plants. Mixing leaves with green organic material will result in quick decomposition providing a nutrient rich mixture to add to your garden in the spring. Tucked away leaf piles will eventually turn into soil or make a brush pile, mixing twigs, branches and leaves creating a shelter for native wildlife.

Your garden can benefit from this free organic fertilizer, especially if the leaves are shredded and dampened as moisture activates microbe activity. Wet leaves also stay put and won't scatter on windy days. Suppressing weeds and adding fertilizer to your garden soil, leaves can save on expensive, petroleum-based fertilizers adding nutrients and improving the soil structure.

We all have a role to play in supporting the diversity of life, starting with the small critters that rely on the habitat that leaf litter provides. So, during your yard work this fall, do what you can to support leaf litter habitat. We all benefit from those who practice ecologically sound yard work.

The luna moth relies on the safety of the leaf litter to complete its life cycle. /photo by Don Redfern

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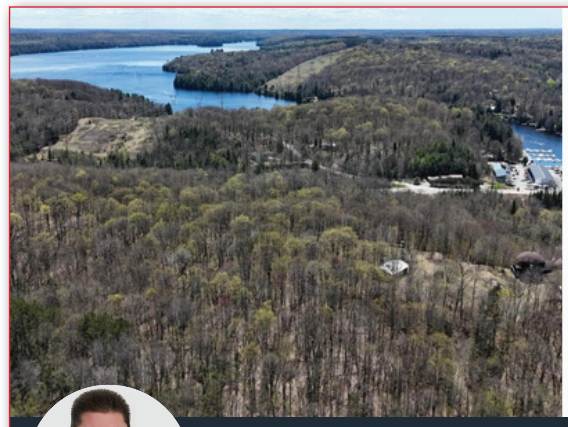

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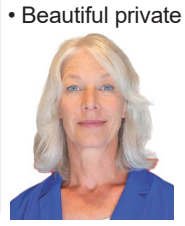

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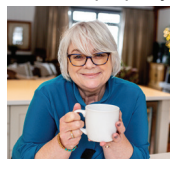

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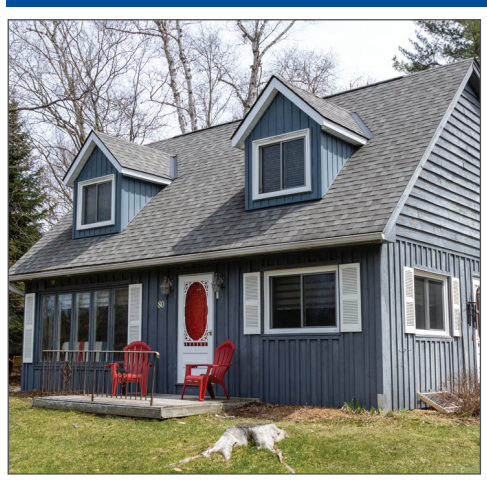

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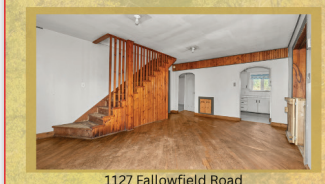

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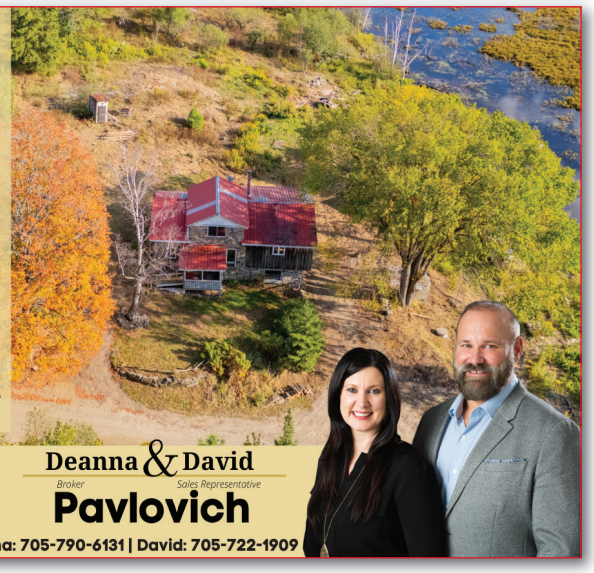

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Out Standing In Our Field

Writing on the Senior Side

Two November Remembers

GAIL STELTER
County Life Contributor

AUTUMN SPLENDOUR is dissolving into bleak November. Wearing my socks with sandals (and hoping no one notices) is waning as winter boots wait nearby. We donate winter coats to those in need, and we start looking at warm winter recipes. November marks the turning of the tide, and some senior siders are already busy planning a winter escape or, at least, a place to hide. Others are ready to dust off the snowshoes and skis and wait for the winter wonderland to appear.

I urge you to pause, to stop and remember in November. We cannot miss this month of great remembrances. I have had two life-changing events in November, and before I write about a war memory, I will tell you of a personal life-changing moment.

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"Peter, I think I might be going into labour tonight."

"No, it's probably just false pains. You'll be fine. Tomorrow is not good."

I smile and say, "We'll see".

Peter is registered for an all-day session, Coaching Clinic Level 1. He is coaching nine and 10-year-olds in Milton Minor Hockey, house league. We don't have kids who play. Our first child is just two and a half years old. I love watching him coach, and it is especially fun when parents ask me which one is my little boy. I know he is looking forward to getting his Level 1 Coaching qualification. I also know I am very close to the birth of our second child.

Later in bed. "Peter, wake up. It's time to go to the hospital."

"You have lots of time. Just try to get some sleep."

Peter is the pro. After all, it's his second child. We did this once before, and it was a long time from the start to our daughter's birth. The pro knows.

I raise my voice. "It's time to go."

I yell, "I want to go NOW!"

He looks at me, and he jumps up. I am now the pro. He helps me up and hugs me. The five-minute journey to the hospital takes shape. Okay, maybe he is right. The last time meant a trip to Humber Memorial Hospital in Toronto. This time we are close to our home.

I get dressed and go down to the garage, and get into our car. We live in a raised bungalow, and the single-car garage is part of the house under the bedrooms. I sit. I wait. Where is he? I hate being late for anything, and I sure as hell don't want to be late getting to the hospital. They say second babies come quickly. I sure as hell don't want to have a baby in the back seat of the car. Where is he …

He's in the house, getting my bag, and our daughter's bag. He is in the house, wrapping our little one in a blanket and then carrying her down to the car. We will drop her off at a friend's house.

Finally, he is in the driver's seat and turns on the car.

"Wait", I yell. "You don't have any shoes or socks on."

Yes, there he was in bare feet in November. I was not impressed. I was not laughing (that came later), and I was very impatient. I guess I got the pro a little flustered. He ran back into the house to get his shoes.

We made it to the hospital, and I was relieved. After an examination, my doctor came to me and said, "The baby is foot breech".

I managed a half-smile and replied, "Well, I think that might be your fault."

He looked bewildered, and so I went on, "When I told you my first baby was foot breech, you said, 'Oh, that would be interesting." He chuckled.

The second baby was faster, but Peter was right, I didn't need to hurry, there was still lots of time. When the time came, all I remember is my doctor saying, "It's a boy, He's a long drink of water, and we can't get his shoulders. We're putting you to sleep."

Not surprisingly, this son and the next one are both long drinks of water with broad square shoulders … just like their dad, the pro.

That baby boy, also named Peter, will be 50 years old on Nov. 8. He is a high school teacher and department head, father of four great kids and an organizer extraordinaire. He is also a musician and has planned his 50th birthday party. He is the lead guitar player and singer in his band, Powder Finger, and is having a birthday gig at the Tir Nan Og pub in Kingston. Everyone is invited, and our whole family will be there. It is sure to be a great night of singing and dancing. The pro, and I will also remember the day he was born. It's our "birth" day too.

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My other November Remember is one I share with many of you, especially those Baby Boomers affected by war.

My dad and I are the only ones home. Mom is at work at Simpson's, and I don't know where my brother is, but it unfolds this way every time. It was still in the days of schools and government offices closing on Remembrance Day, Nov. 11. Dad works for the Unemployment Insurance Commission as a Claims Officer. We sat in the living room and waited. The ceremony in Ottawa was about to start. Dad never spoke too much about the war, but his tears as the service unfolded told his story. One time, he shared and told me about the three friends who enlisted together, who went to Camp Borden together, on to Alberta and then to England and Holland together. He told me that only two of them came home. Another time, he told me about coming upon a battlefield and of the horrific scene, all the men lying injured and dead.

Here are the statistics, and remember each one is a person, a loved one, a life denied and a family forever changed. You must remember, and you must share your story, so the generations out there now never forget. Elbows up, Canada. They lived and died for us, for us and our future. And many of the ones who came were never the same, as they, too, gave their futures. We will honour them and remember.

Total served: Approximately 1.1 to 1.16 million Canadians and Newfoundlanders. The total population of Canada was 11 million.

Total deaths: Around 45,400.

Total wounded: Roughly 55,000.

Prisoners of war: About 9,000 were taken prisoner.

More than 50,000 women served in the military with the Canadian Women's Army Corps (CWACs), the Royal Canadian Air Force – Women's Division (WDs), the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service (Wrens) and as Nursing Sisters.

At least 3,000 Aboriginal Canadians volunteered to serve in the Second World War

Perhaps you will encourage this generation to read the following facts for educators. We are all educators. Our time left is limited. Make sure they know. Thank you.

www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/information-for/educators/quick-facts/second-world-war

Haliburton HIGHLANDS Seniors Active Living Centre

Check out this month's SALC events and activities for residents aged 55+

Genealogy for Seniors
November 4, 12, 26, 27
@ various times
Seniors Cooking Workshop
November 4, 18 @ 3:30 p.m.
Painting Class
November 6, 20 @ 10 a.m.
Needle Felting – November 6, 14, 19, 28 @ various times
Haliburton Highlands Digital Archives webinar – November 12 @ 2:30 p.m.
Chair Yoga – November 13, 27 @ 10:30 a.m.
Painting Class Artist Open House
November 16 @ 1 p.m.
Fitness Success Workshop
November 17, 22 @ various times
Crafternoon – November 19 @ 1 p.m.
First Aid for Seniors, November 18, 25 @ 10 a.m
Animal Signs and Tracks, November 19 @ 10 a.m.
Extreme Weather Prep webinar
November 25 @ 2 p.m.
Savouring Stories November 27 @ 11 a.m.
Seniors Fitness Fridays @ 9 and 11

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- Saturdays 2:30 p.m.
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For more information, visit haliburtoncounty.ca/SALC or pick up a full calendar at a participating SALC location, including a Legion or Library near you!

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Legion Events

Branch 441 Kinmount

Monday: Bid Euchre 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: Mixed Darts, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Closed
Friday: Bingo- Doors open at 5 p.m., play at 6:45 p.m.
Supper specials every Friday starting at 5 p.m. May purchase special and eat in club room downstairs. Clubroom opens at 4 p.m.
Saturday: Clubroom opens at 3 p.m. Meat draw at 5:30 p.m.
Special events:
Nov. 8 - Ladies Auxiliary Annual Turkey dinner $20 from 4 to 7 p.m. Karaoke starts at 7:30 p.m. Great food, great people and great fun!
3rd Thursday of the month 7 p.m. executive meeting and 7:30 p.m. general meeting (members only)
3rd Sunday of the month Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (members only)
Nov. 8 Ladies Auxiliary hosting turkey dinner 4 to 7 p.m. $20 for adults
Nov. 8 Karaoke starts at 7:30 p.m.
Hall rentals available at reasonable prices. Call 705-488-3462 or 705-928-7105. We welcome everyone to our events and we look forward to seeing you!

Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge 1 p.m. Schofield Rm. Youth darts 6:30 to 8 p.m. Clubroom 10 to 18 years of age. All are welcome, no experience necessary
Tuesdays: League darts 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo
doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo 7 p.m. FirstWed of each
month with jackpot. Follow Facebook. com/Branch129
Bingo for the most up-to-date information
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Five meat draw, five prizes each draw, first draw 4:30 p.m., last draw 6:30 p.m. Tickets $2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards. 50/50 Draw 5:40 p.m.
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Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week. Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Friday Fish & Chips, Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
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Branch 624 Wilberforce

Hours - Sunday: Special Events Only, Monday: 7 to 10 p.m., Tuesday: Closed, Wednesday: 2 to 10 p.m., Thursday: 2 to 10 p.m., Friday: 2 to 11 p.m., Saturday: 2 to 9 p.m.
Sunday:
Nov. 9 L.A Breakfast $10. 9 to 11a.m.
Nov. 16 Open House with Local Artist Luann Coghlan 1 to 4 p.m.
Monday: Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 Darts $5/player 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Nov. 11 Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph 11 a.m., adjacent to the Llyod Watson Centre. Lunch at the Wilberforce Legion to follow by donation by the Ladies Auxiliary.
Wednesday:
Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 Darts $5/player 2 p.m.
Quick Supper Menu changes weekly $10. 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Cribbage League 6:30 – Sign up at the Legion
Thursday:
Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 Cornhole $5/player 7 p.m.
Nov. 13, 27 HHHS Social Rec 10 a.m.
Friday:
Nov. 7, 21 Wings and Jam Session $15/lb 5 to 8 p.m.
Nov. 14, 28 Community Care 55+ Lunch $17, 12 p.m.
Nov. 14, 28 Fish and Chips 1pc/$15, 2pc/$20
Saturday:
Nov. 15, 29 Open Mic. Free. 2 to 6 p.m.
Nov. 15 Fall Dance. Free. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
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When: Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.
Where: Lakeside Church, Haliburton
Free admission. An offering will be taken for the Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre for more information call 705-457-4673

Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands Annual General Meeting
When: Sunday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m.
Where: The Haliburton Highlands Museum
Register at https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/agm-2025-tickets-1777884172419

Annual Craft Sale - Auxiliary of the Haliburton Legion
When: Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m..
Where: Haliburton Legion
More than 40 talented artists will be selling baking, woodcrafts, soaps, quilting, knitting, Christmas decorations and jewelry. Start your Christmas shopping and enjoy a lunch of soup, sandwiches and sweets in the Schofield Room. Admission by donation to our local 4C's.

Recurring events

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
When: Monday mornings 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion Branch 129, upper level
Admission: Yearly membership of $59
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Bridge for Seniors
When: Mondays at 1 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Schofield Rm
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Haliburton Legion Walking Group
When: Mondays at 9 to 10 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Remembrance Hall
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When: Every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10 to 11 a.m.
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Bid Euchre
When: Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Remembrance Hall
All welcome!

Duplicate Bridge - Please arrange for a partner.
When: Wednesdays at 12:45 at Park Lane Apartments.
Fridays at 12:45 at Haliburton Legion, Schofield Room.

Cards/Euchre/Cribbage
When: Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.
Where: St. George's Church
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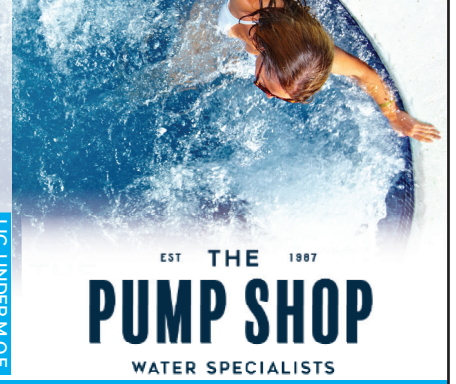

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Changes make Silver Beach proposal more palatable

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

As their very last order of business, on Monday Dysart councillors took a giant step towards making the Silver Beach Lifestyle Community a reality by rezoning the property from tourist commercial to suburban residential.

After facing a barrage of concerns during last week's public meeting, the municipality worked diligently with the developer to address the bulk of concerns from neighbouring residents, and last-minute changes to the proposal certainly reflect that, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey told council.

"In particular, the most dramatic change is with the commercial areas, which were the most controversial and unacceptable to the adjoining property owners," said Fearrey. "The developer, in my opinion, was more gracious than most would have been and has pulled those commercial zonings altogether and allowed those to be used as part of the condominium concept."

Originally the plan had called for a total of 59 condominium units, with a section of land to be zoned for commercial uses. What seemed to irk residents, however, was that council was provided with only a list of potential uses (such as a bistro, spa, or massage therapy clinic), which meant council didn't know what specific uses it would be approving.

See **Developer** page 2

Dysart hopes to escape ballot blues

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A decision to stick with Canada Post for next week's municipal elections may have saved Dysart et al from having to sing the spoiled ballot blues.

While some municipalities have had as many as 25 per cent of the ballots submitted improperly, Dysart's CAO isn't expecting the same problem in her municipality.

Tammy McKelvey says that although council seriously looked at hiring a company called Data Fix to handle the mail-in ballots, it decided to once again hire Canada Post to provide the service.

Canada Post's choice of envelopes might have unexpectedly made her job a lot easier.

When people receive their ballot kit by mail, they're supposed to fill out their ballot, seal it in the secrecy envelop and then sign a declaration saying they are who they are and have a

See **Almost** page 6

Running for a win

It took more than a decade to earn bragging rights, but the HHSS Red Hawks are in the running for the Central Ontario championships after Saturday's 7-1 victory over Peterborough's Adam Scott Secondary School. Kieran Gillooly, #96, had the honour of scoring the last point in the low-scoring match. It was a sweet victory since Adam Scott has stymied the Red Hawks' aspirations to advance for the past two seasons. Details on page 14 and 15.

Lack of town water not a hindrance: Fearrey

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

Would Canadian Tire be coming to Haliburton, and not Minden, if only we had a town water system? Or would Tim Hortons be looking to buy prime real estate on Highland Street?

For years some have argued that a town water system would open the doors to a development boom in Haliburton village, but long-standing reeve Murray Fearrey says that's simply not the case.

"It's absolute nonsense to think that there are businesses not coming here because there's no town water," Fearrey says. "To say that's why there's no Tim Hortons here or no Canadian Tire, there's just no truth to that whatsoever."

Despite the fact that most water in Haliburton is drawn from wells, Fearrey says that neither the quantity nor quality of the town's water has ever been considered a hindrance by potential developers. Since the village is part of a sewage system, and there is very little farmland in the area, Haliburton's water table has maintained a high level of quality without contamination. And there's more than enough of it to go around, says Fearrey.

"Volumes of water have never been an issue in Haliburton;

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